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- **INTRODUCTION:** Prostate cancer (PCa) research is lacking in the area of genetic epidemiology, particularly as it relates to African American men, who are 50 percent more likely to develop PCa than white men. Furthermore, more research is needed to be able to distinguish aggressive from non-aggressive PCa, especially at early stages. This study seeks to identify genetic alterations in African American men that are associated with aggressive and lethal PCa. Our secondary goal is to develop a cost-effective genetic test to better identify men at heightened risk of developing PCa, which will allow for earlier detection of disease and more effective treatment.
- **KEYWORDS:** Prostate cancer, genetics
- **ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**
 - **What were the major goals of the project?**
 - We will recruit 100 African American patients, and their tumor-specific DNA alterations will be identified using high resolution SNP (single nucleotide polymorphism) array and targeted next-generation sequencing technology.
 - We will compare these alterations with those identified from 240 European Americans and 65 Chinese PCa patients in order to find race-specific alterations that are associated with lethal PCa, as well as other clinical outcomes, such as Gleason score and pathological stage of the tumors.
 - We plan to develop a genetic test to translate these research findings to clinics
 - **What was accomplished under these goals?**
 - No progress was made in Year 1 due to the fact that transfer of the Award from Wake Forest University Health Services to NorthShore University HealthSystem took one full year to complete.
 - **What opportunities for training and professional development has the project provided?**
 - No progress was made in Year 1 due to the fact that transfer of the Award from Wake Forest University Health Services to NorthShore University HealthSystem took one full year to complete.
 - **How were the results disseminated to communities of interest?**
 - Not applicable at this stage
 - **What do you plan to do during the next reporting period to accomplish the goals?**
 - During the next reporting period, which will be our first active period for this study, we will complete the patient recruitment portion of this project, obtain their tumor tissues, and complete next-generation sequencing to identify PCa risk-associated SNPs in African American men.
- **IMPACT:**
 - **What was the impact on the development of the principal discipline(s) of the project?**
 - Nothing to Report
 - **What was the impact on other disciplines?**
 - Nothing to Report
 - **What was the impact on technology transfer?**

- Nothing to Report
- **What was the impact on society beyond science and technology?**
 - Nothing to Report
- **CHANGES/PROBLEMS:**
 - **Changes in approach and reasons for change**
 - Nothing to Report
 - **Actual or anticipated problems or delays and actions or plans to resolve them**
 - This grant was awarded to Dr. Jianfeng Xu while he was at Wake Forest University. In October, 2014, Dr. Xu moved to NorthShore University HealthSystem. Transfer of the award to Dr. Xu's new institution took one full year to complete. The transfer is now complete, so project activity can now commence.
 - **Changes that had a significant impact on expenditures**
 - Since we have not yet begun work on this project, no money has been spent.
 - **Significant changes in use or care of human subjects, vertebrate animals, biohazards, and/or select agents**
 - Nothing to Report
 - **Significant changes in use or care of human subjects.** N/a
 - **Significant changes in use or care of vertebrate animals.** N/a
 - **Significant changes in use of biohazards and/or select agents** . N/a
- **PRODUCTS:**
 - **Publications, conference papers, and presentations**
 - **Journal publications.**
 - Nothing to Report
 - **Books or other non-periodical, one-time publications.**
 - Nothing to Report
 - **Other publications, conference papers, and presentations.**
 - Nothing to Report
 - **Website(s) or other Internet site(s).**
 - Nothing to Report
 - **Technologies or techniques.**
 - Nothing to Report
 - **Inventions, patent applications, and/or licenses**
 - Nothing to Report
 - **Other Products**
 - Nothing to Report

- **PARTICIPANTS & OTHER COLLABORATING ORGANIZATIONS**

- **What individuals have worked on the project?**
 - Project activity has not yet begun; therefore, no individuals have worked on the project.
- **Has there been a change in the active other support of the PD/PI(s) or senior/key personnel since the last reporting period?**
 - Nothing to Report
- **What other organizations were involved as partners?**
 - **Organization Name:** N/a
 - **Location of Organization:** N/a
 - **Partner's contribution to the project**
 - **Financial support** N/a
 - **In-kind support** N/a
 - **Facilities** N/a
 - **Collaboration** N/a
 - **Personnel exchanges** N/a
 - **Other.** N/a

- **SPECIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

- **COLLABORATIVE AWARDS:** N/a
- **QUAD CHARTS:** N/a

- **APPENDICES:** N/a

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